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WE SHARE BANGKOK' S AND PHNOM PENH' S VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE FOR US TO FOSTER EXPANSION OF TRIPARTITE GROUP TO INCLUDE THAILAND AT THE PRESENT TIME. IN ADDITION TO EXCELLENT REASONING CONTAINED REFTELS WE SEE FURTHER DISADVANTAGE THAT FORMAL THAI PRESENCE AT THESE MEETINGS COULD LEAD TO ACCUSATIONS THAT GVN COMING CLOSE TO VIOLATING ARTICLE 15(D) OF JAN 27 PARIS AGREEMENT WHICH FORBIDS SOUTH VIETNAM' S JOINING ANY MILITARY BLOC. WHILE PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS WITH GKR, WITH WHOM GVN SHARES COMMON FRONTIER, CAN BE READILY JUSTIFIED, INCLUSION OF THAILAND MIGHT BE MORE DIFFICULT TO DEFEND. WHITEHOUSE

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